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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PAVEL KOHOUT

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1. THE PRODUCERS OF PAVEL KOHOUT'S PLAY HAVE ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING VISIT BY KOHOUT TO NEW YORK TO ATTEND MID-OCTOBER OPENING OF HIS PLAY "POOR MURDERER". PRODUCERS ARE MOST INTERESTED IN HAVING HIM ATTEND OPENING OF THIS, HIS FIRST PLAY PERFORMED IN US.

2. IF IT WOULD HELP KOHOUT OBTAIN EXIT VISA, CU IS PREPARED TO AWARD FULLY FUNDED IV GRANT, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, TO KOHOUT. EMBASSY, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY WISH TO EXTEND INVITATION TO KOHOUT THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS- VISIT COULD BE FOR TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS, FOR PROGRAMMING IN NEW YORK CITY AND EAST COAST, OR UP TO THIRTY DAYS FOR FULL PROGRAMMING. WE HAVE ARRANGED IV
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VISITS FOR OTHER EE PLAYWRIGHTS, INCLUDING CHENGIZ

AITMATOV OF USSR, AND ISTVAN ORKENYI OF HUNGARY IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH PRODUCTIONS OF THEIR PLAYS IN U.S. KISSINGER

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